

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

TNF-DERIVED PEPTIDES FOR USE IN TREATING OEDEMA

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with
16 pages of specification and claims including
10 numbered claims and also attached is/are
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
98870180.1	EP	14 August 1998
98870198.3	EP	18 September 1998
98870222.1	EP	21 October 1998
PCT/EP99/05806	PCT	10 August 1999

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/EP99/05806, filed August 10, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto) including amended specification pages 4-8, to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: **Information Disclosure Statement**; **Non-Publication Request**; **Other: Letter with paper and computer readable copies of Sequence Listing**

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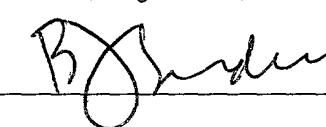
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LETTER

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

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